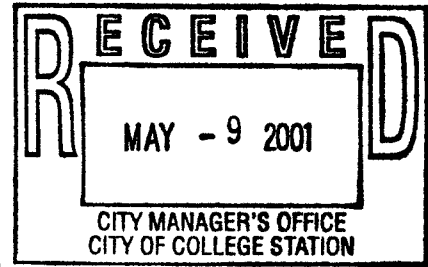


WOLF PEN FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

Wolf Pen Bowl

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Subject: City of College Station Ordinance 2490 (The Smoking Ordinance)

The Owners of Wolf Pen Bowl request they be allowed to participate in a College Station City Council meeting to discuss an exemption for bowling centers in ordinance 2490. This request would allow the center to demonstrate its ability to maintain the majority of the area in the bowling center as a smoke free condition.

Bowlers can be divided into two groups - casual recreational bowlers and league sport bowlers. Both groups tend to bowl in groups of four bowlers per lane or less. In the case of league bowlers, a session consists of three games for a total of thirty (30) frames (or turns bowling on the lane) per individual. Leagues complete their sessions in approximately two and one half (2½) hours. This means each bowler must bowl every five (5) minutes and consume one and one fourth (1¼) of this interval actually bowling. This provides the bowler who is a smoker a three and three fourths (3¾) minute time period to remove his or her bowling shoes, leave the bowling center to a point twenty (20) feet from the entrance, smoke a cigarette, and return to his or her assigned lane, replace his or her shoes and bowl his or her turn. **THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE!**

The council has indicated that one of their major concerns is for children being exposed to "second hand" smoke. This is also a complaint of some non-smoking adults. After consulting with professional engineers and architects who specialize in air ventilation and purification, the center is confident it can provide a fully enclosed smoking and lane viewing room that will fully contain and replace the smoke laden air in this room every fifteen (15) minutes or less. **NO CHILD OR NON-SMOKER WILL EVER BE FORCED TO BE IN AN AREA WITH SMOKE LADEN AIR.**


In addition to the enclosed viewing area, the center will have a fully enclosed adult sports bar. This would be a smoking area where adult customers, both bowlers and non-bowlers, could relax. Pool tables, dart boards, pinball machines, and video games would be available. This bar would be equipped with its own HVAC system. An air pressure differential would be maintained between the bar area and the remainder of the bowling center to prevent the escape of any smoke laden air into the smoke free areas. The bar area will have its air cleansed by hospital grade air purifiers and the constant introduction of fresh outside air.

With the above mentioned controls in place, a customer would be able to enter the bowling center, visit the control desk, visit the personal locker area, and move to his or her assigned lane without being exposed to any smoke laden air. In addition, the customer can visit the snack bar for refreshments or visit the restrooms in the same smoke free atmosphere. Alcoholic beverages may be obtained from the bar by the use of lane waitresses.

The owners of the center believe the use of these controls will allow the non-smoking bowler to visit the center, enjoy this form of entertainment, and use all of the center facilities without being exposed to "second hand" smoke. In addition, the bowling center owners know of no other city in Texas who have not allowed some type of exemption for smoking in bowling centers.

The owners of Wolf Pen Bowling Center make this request to appear before the council with their engineering consultants to make a presentation and to answer any questions the council may have.

Sincerely,


Martha and Ernie Camp.

